

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING – April 30 2016

Present: Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Geromella, Mrs. Greco, Mrs. Vella, Mrs. Mrs. D’Intino, Mrs. Cronin, Mr. Mauro

Regrets: Mrs. Piazza, Mrs. Travassos

Opening Prayer: Mrs. Geromella

Mr. Aldo D’Intino

- gave introduction
- worked for 37 years in educutions, spent his teaching career at BR
- sat on parent counsel at BR as Teacher Advisor for 20 years
- also Trustee for St. Agnes and St. Luke
- would like feedback from parents, school
- hopes protocol will be followed
 - teacher
 - principal
 - Super Intendant
 - Trustee
- hopes contact with him is a last resort for issues
- Mrs. Cronin asked about Incarnation being made feeder Church opposed to St. Eugene, Mr. D’Intino said he will go to the diocese with our request
- Steps and debris at back parking lot of school is to be dealt with school, that property was sold and developer will be building soon ... possibly nursing home (?)

Principal Report:

- New Super Intendant Mr. Corrado Ciapanna (will hold position until at least the end of June)
- Mr. Hubbard retired, last day was Thursday, April 30
- Student achievement visit went well
- 20+ people through the school
- Cooking club is up to 22 students, grants are being applied for
- Student Counsel continues to focus on physical literacy, leadership activities and student voice
- The facilitator is returning to help students in older grades be leaders for recess activities, this was put off until spring due to winter weather and late placement of playground games, looking now into new equipment and games for kids to use
- Desktops will now be used to power Smart Boards, 15 desktop computers were purchased
- Two additional smart boards were purchased, all classes should be equipped with Smart Boards this September
- Two Smart Boards did break down (Grade 2 and 5)
- Ipads have also been purchased
- Monitors are now being attached to non-portable Smart Boards, this will assist children with visual issues (those who are limited by vision and unable to read the Smart Boards)
- Cafeteria has been equipped with a large screen and sound system (used for assemblies, by student counsel and for PA Day Conferences), cafeteria is also more used this year as opposed to last year, also used for AIT – Drama, Dance, Music group classes

Important Dates

- Run for Change – May 13
- Cross Country – May 15
- CYO Chief Gala Dinner – September 10(?) benefits Camp Marydale and CYO programs
- Rockin Ray Beach Party – June 6, \$20, proceeds benefit St. David school, music, casual attire, food
- Welcome to Kindergarten – June 9
- EQAO first week of June, Grade 3 and 6 classes are preparing

Taste Buds

- is now five days per week
- We are in receipt of grants for this program
- Focuses on three food groups – dairy, grain, fruit/vegetable
- Cost at less than \$1.00 per student
- Looking for donations ... possibly parent counsel, spirit days (was brought up that spirit shirts were purchased, never used)
- Staff still volunteers time for this program
- Will be a booth at Welcome to Kindergarten

Faith

- First Communion went very well
- Catholic Education Week May 4-8
- Opening Liturgy May 4 – will be at the school and across the Board at the same time
- Grade 8s and Choir will be going to the Cathedral for Mass
- Faith Fair – May 5
- Rising Stars will have a booth at the Faith Fair
- Scripture Reading May 6
- Board Garage Sale at St. Luke May 9 – proceeds from Garage Sale to Equal Opportunities Fund (St. David benefits from this fund)
- May Crowning May 28, time to be determined
- Pins for Communicants, Confirmandi
- Motion – Mrs. Vella
- Motion Passed – Mrs. Cronin, Mrs. Greco, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Vella

Mr. Mauro

- Fuel For Kids will be held on Wednesday October 15
- Will be held at Fortino's Eastgate
- Race car will be on display
- Fundraiser for the school
- BBQ and drinks donated by Fortinos
- Communion – April 18th – 11:00am

Health and Safety:

- Three fire drills to be done before end of school year
- Fire Safety Audit to be done in June
- Fire Department will do presentations for the kids
- Teachers watched a concussion protocol video (also shown to parent counsel), explains what to look for, how to handle, how to identify, educating students and teachers on signs and symptoms etc., all teachers have now been trained

Chocolate Bar Fundraiser

- Profits of approximately \$8272.27 (\$15,930.00 brought in, \$7657.25 paid for chocolates)

Nevada:

- Need to ask if agendas will be paid for again next year

Upcoming dates

- Sub day – May 26
- Next Parent Counsel Meeting – May 26 6:30 moved from May 27
- Play Day – Dofasco Park – June 18, Harveys is providing lunch
- Hot Dog Day (?), other options? Maybe ice cream sandwiches

Motion to Adjourn (8:12pm) - Mrs. Vella

2nd to Motion – Mrs. Greco